(c) what is the reason for not fulfilling their demand substantially; and

(d) whether Government propose to give special grants for these two cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) Although there is no specific request for more funds for National Highway links and Ring Roads in Nagpur and Hyderabad, an amount of Rs. 16,000/- per km. is being released every year by the Central Government to State Governments for maintenance of urban links served by National Highways as per agreement entered into with them.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) No, Sir.

**Inquiry Against the Acting Chairman of AIL**

*413. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gas Authority of India Limited has an acting Chairman;

(b) if so, since when;

(c) whether Government are considering a proposal to confirm him as the Chairman of Gas Authority of India Limited;

(d) whether it is also a fact that some inquiries are still pending against him; and

(e) if so, the nature of inquiries pending and the reasons for considering his confirmation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (e) Since November 1991, Director (Finance), GAIL, has been looking after the current duties of CMD (GAIL). While there are no enquiries against him, some information received is being verified. The proposal to appoint the Chairman & Managing Director of GAIL is under the consideration of the Government.

**उपभोक्ताओं को गैस कनेक्शन देने संबंधी नीति**

*414. **श्री राम नरेश यादव** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन आवेदकों को गैस कनेक्शन दिये जाने के संबंध में सरकार की क्या नीति है जिन्होंने पांच वर्ष पहले अपने नाम पंजीकृत करवाए थे;

(ख) क्या इस संबंध में उपभोक्ता संरक्षण फोरम द्वारा दिए गए निर्देशों का पालन किया जा रहा है; यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश की मैनपुरी गैस एजेंसी ने वर्ष 1987–88 में पंजीकृत आवेदकों की वरीयता की उपेक्षा करते हुए सैकड़ों व्यक्तियों को गैस कनेक्शन दिए हैं; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार इस गैस एजेंसी के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही करेगी ?

**पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा)** : (क) नये एल० पी० जी० कनेक्शन, एक डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर को आवंटित नवीन उपभोक्ता पंजीकरण के आधार पर जो न कि पंजीकरण की अवधि के आधार पर बल्कि डिस्ट्रीब्यूटर के पास उपलब्ध स्लैक, प्रतीक्षा सूची और उत्पाद उपलब्धता आदि के आधार पर किया जाता है, प्रतीक्षा सूचीबद्ध आवेदकों को पंजीकरण के क्रमानुसार दिये जाते हैं ।

(ख) सभी सक्षम प्राधिकारियों के आदेश कार्यान्वित होते हैं ।

(ग) मैनपुरी गैस एजेंसी ने केवल दिसम्बर, 1986 तक की उपभोक्ता प्रतीक्षा सूची पूरी की है ।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

**Rules on Official Dress**

*415. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN :

DR. SHRIKANT RAM CHANDRA JICHKAR :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the rules on official dress as on 1st March, 1993;

(b) whether Government have received some requests for change of official dress;

(c) what is the reason for not changing the official dress even after 45 years of independence;

(d) what are the occasions where the rules of official dress are strictly enforced; and

(e) which are the categories excluded from rules of official dress even at functions or occasions which require strict enforcement of such rules?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below)

(b) to (e) Government's instructions on the dress to be worn by civilian officers (men and women) on different occasions are in the nature of suggestions. Government expects all civilian officers to wear the recommended dress on all the occasions specified. No formal requests have been received for change of the recommended dress although one or two individual suggestions for changes have been received. No need has, however, been felt for a radical departure from the recommended dress.

**Statement**

**Recommended Dress for Civilian Officers (Men and Women)**

**MEN**

| **Recommendation** | |
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| 1. For formal or ceremonial occasions | Black sherwani and white or cream chooridar pyjama or a black short buttoned-up coat and black, white or cream trousers.<br><br>In the hot weather the sherwani or the coat may also be white or cream. |
| 2. For less formal occasions and evening parties. | A black, short buttoned-up coat and black or white trousers.<br><br>In the hot weather, a white or cream coloured coat may be worn. |
| 3. Office dress. | A short buttoned-up coat and trousers which need not be of the same colour. Either garment may be white, grey or of any other quiet shade. Loud or gaudy colours should be avoided. |